

Maternal and Child Health

We have reached historically low infant-mortality and teen-birth rates in the U.S. and made great strides in increasing infant vaccination and breastfeeding rates. Yet half of infants are still not breastfed and as many as 1 in 16 new mothers in the U.S. are teens, putting the health of future generations at risk.

Trends in Maternal and Child Health, Risk and Protective Factors

Key Indicator	Baseline 2005*	Status 2012*	Progress
Infant Mortality			
Infant Death Rate (< 1 year)	6.9	6.0	●
Number of Infant Deaths	28,440	23,629	●
Teen Births			
Rate of teen births among females ages 15 to 19 (per 1,000 female population)	39.7	26.6 (2013)	●
Breastfeeding			
Percent of infants breastfed at six months	42.9%	49.4% (2011)	●
Child Vaccination			
Percent of children (19-35 months) receiving universally recommended doses of vaccines (DTaP, polio, MMR, Hib, Hep B, varicella, PCV)	44.3% (2009)	70.4% (2013)	●
Lead Poisoning			
Number of children ages 1 to 5 with blood lead levels greater than 5 µg/dL	654,703 (2008)	535,699 (2010)	N/A



Trend in wrong direction



Insufficient Progress



Progress

* Unless otherwise noted.

275,000
babies



born to teen
mothers
aged 15–19
each year



\$9.4
BILLION

annual cost
associated with
teen pregnancy